As we attempt to keep you informed and up-to-date on regionalization/ modernization (reg/mod) issues, we will begin publishing informal Reg/Mod UPDATES, like this one. (Some of you more "mature" folks may remember the original series we published years ago. Well, it's baaack!) Please feel free to distribute this to others in your organization, including managers and supervisors. We welcome your constructive comments, questions and feedback, as always. Snide remarks, disparaging observations and sly innuendo will be filed accordingly!

Life Cycle Replacement (LCR) of automated equipment. Army plans to begin replacing computer equipment (desktops, servers, printers, etc.) they purchased and distributed to CPACs and CPOCs when regionalization began. You can anticipate surveys from Army, and requests for you to return your "old" equipment. We anticipate a number of questions concerning LCR, and will try to answer them below;

> --*Who pays for the new equipment?* Army pays for the equipment and installation.

> --*Who is responsible for maintenance?* Army pays for maintenance on "new" equipment.

> --*Can we keep the "old" equipment and use it in the CPAC, or EEO?* Maybe. The priority for reuse of replaced equipment is as follows: retain for overhires, NAF, EEO, Local DOIM, and lastly for MACOM determination.

> --*Can we "excess" the old Insync PCs?* Yes, but first ask those offices in the previous question if they can use it. If not, contact your local Property Book Officer for disposal procedures.

> --*What kind of equipment will the CPACs be getting?* Desktops are Dell Optiplex, 600 mHz, Pentium III computers. Servers are HP4. Printers are HP LaserJet. This is good stuff, and one of the major LCR goals: "use capable, proven, name-brand equipment."

--How much equipment will each CPAC receive? Army will provide equipment based on the DA authorized number of CPAC personnel. Remember those nasty ratios? For example, if you are authorized 5 people, you can expect 5 desktop computers. If you have 6 people, you will have to provide updated equipment for that "extra" person.

--What's the current schedule for LCR? See the chart below:

Fiscal year	Region
2000	Southeast
	National Capitol
2001	Southwest
	Northeast
2002	Pacific
	Europe
2003	Korea
	North Central
2004	South Central
	West

NOTE: This is the current LCR schedule, *NOT* the modern system deployment schedule!

--Will EEO offices be getting their own equipment? Yes, but not to the same extent s the CPACs. HQDA will pay for one upgraded PC and printer.

--What's the process for deployment? Every CPOC and CPAC will be surveyed 6-8 months prior to fielding. CPAC Chiefs must then sign MOUs with Army, which describe actions, equipment and responsibilities. (For a sample MOU, see attached.) <u>Additionally, we urge you to coordinate this MOU with your local Information Management office!</u> In fact, you should keep your IM folks informed at all steps of the process. We are trying to determine what elements of the MOU need to be addressed at the HQ USACE level and standardized throughout the Corps. The Windows 2000 issue addressed below is an example of Corps specific requirement.

Windows 2000. Army plans to use Windows 2000 (that's an operating system; the next step up the evolutionary ladder from Windows 98) at desktop and server levels to run MDCPDS. However, Wil Berrios, the new USACE Corporate Information Officer (CIO), has stated that "Using Windows 2000 at the desktop and server levels is unacceptable for many reasons. He explains:

- "Migration to Windows 2000 server is a major implementation decision when you consider the Enterprise Management capabilities and directory services it provides. Many IT consultants such as Gartner Group advise detailed planning and analysis prior to migrating into a Windows 2000 operating systems environment. Some consultants go as far as recommending you remain "Status Quo" if you already have a well managed environment. Others advise waiting for feedback on how well the initial version of 2000 is working. The Corps is presently analyzing its decision on when and if to migrate to Windows 2000.

- Although maintenance for the DCPDS is conducted by ASA M&RA, we recognize that they will not be able to physically provide service to some of our CPAC sites (example Walla Walla). The local DOIM (DIM) or CIM becomes the office responsible for servicing any site the ASA is unable to reach and therefore must be knowledgeable of the operating system. The Corps DIM/CIMs are not trained in Windows 2000 or planned to be trained in the near future.

- The impact of having workstations and servers operating under Windows 2000 within our current network configuration are not understood by either the ASA M&RA as well as the Corps.

- Imposing architectural changes from the ASA level to the MSC level in the area of operating systems is not consistent with best business practices.

- There are no technological reasons for fielding DCPDS under Windows 2000. DCPDS was designed for Windows 3.1.

Bottom Line: We should not agree with the MOU unless they retract the need for Windows 2000."

We are continuing to explore these issues, and will advise you as we progress.

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